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Attached are reports on ship and shore observations made in Burgas Harbor

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Subject: BURGAS

GENERAL INFORMATION

I. ORGANIZATION.

No. 1. A mole on which there is one pipeline, of about 12 inches, in use, and another one in reserve. Above these pipelines there is a wooden bridge which has iron railings on its external sides.

At the end of the mole, toward the port's entrance, there is a guard-post for the checking of the local small ships which enter, and leave, the harbor on their local schedule service.

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No. 2. Position of buoys marking the barrier of the port's entrance.

No. 3. A quay on which there were three cranes moving on iron rails.

On

this quay [redacted] also, a single-story depot which is used to store goods of general cargo.

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No. 4. A quay on which there were four large cranes resembling those available at the Free Zone of Piraeus.

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On this quay there is a large single-story depot having a triangular roof, the length of which covers almost the entire quay. [redacted]
this depot is divided internally, into three large depots for the storage of grain, salt, and other goods. In front of the depot, and behind it, there are railroad tracks. [redacted]

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At point a of the above quay, [redacted] a Customs guardpost where a control check is being made to the small ships serving the local schedules. This guardpost provides, also, the guard detail for the foreign vessels.

At point b, there were heaps of ore, and iron rods (for concrete).

No. 5. Position at which there is a newly constructed quay the extension of which is almost completed. [redacted] about fifty meters at this quay.

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II. SHIPS.

Outside the Port [redacted]

six small torpedo boats. [redacted]

III. FLOATING CRANE.

No. 6. Position at which there was a floating crane, of about ten tons. This crane carried blocks from mole No. 3, to point c of a newly constructed quay.

No. 7. Position at which there is a dredging machine of the crab winch (vice) type.

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~~MAIL INFORMATION~~

[redacted] In the evening at KALAFIK, night target practice of warships which were flying at moving targets.

[redacted] only the moving targets [redacted] were illuminated by the searchlights of the warships.

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KAVARNA

[redacted] there is, in Kavarna, oil supply (reservoir) which comes from the area ~~SHABLA~~ where [redacted] about ten oil wells [redacted]

[redacted] A revolving lighthouse twelve miles north of KALLIAKRA was [redacted] noticed, at the area of ~~SHABLA~~ [redacted]

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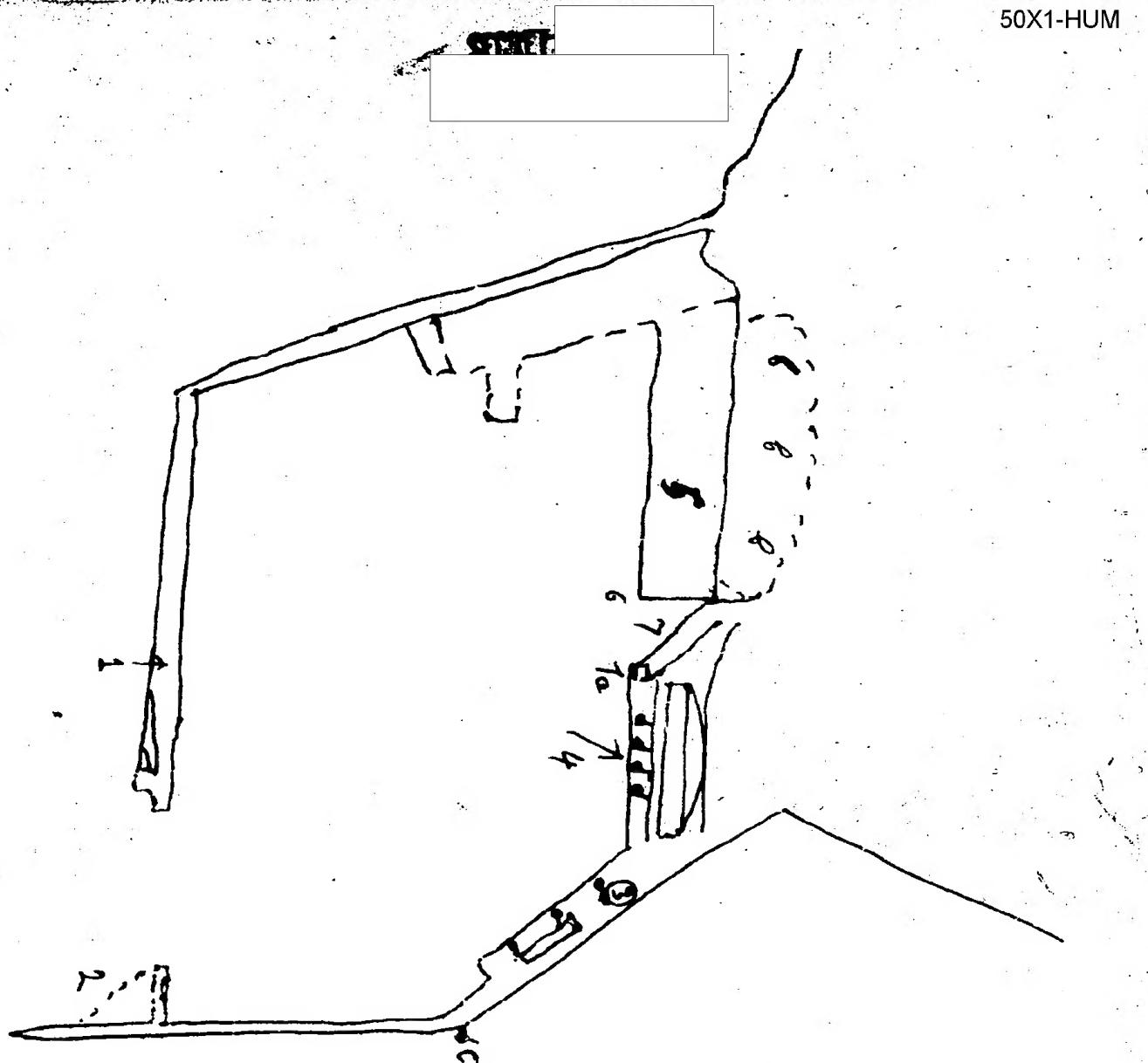
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The oil is carried from Kavarna to Burgas on a barge of about 600 tons, but it is transported by rail from the above reservoir to Burgas.

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1. The Port of Burgas does not have large-scale commercial traffic except for products which are unloaded for Czechoslovakia.

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4. Along the coast and north of Cape Kaliakra there are large steel posts carrying electric power.

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5. [redacted] five cranes, each of approximately 3-ton capacity, and one new dock, the construction of which was progressing slowly.
6. Outside the port there is a mine field which covers a 17-mil. area. At the entrance to the port, ships pass buoys from which place they are guided by a pilot ship to their designated place of anchorage.

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7. [redacted] ships in the port:
a. Eight coast guard ships and four landing craft;
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9. Small battleships and submarines were engaged in exercises outside the harbor.
10. [redacted] loaded ships of 10~12,000 tons capacity docked. At the same place, h-5 ships of 10,000-ton capacity could dock at the same time. 50X1-HUM
11. [redacted] 2~3 small tugboats were working in the harbor.
[redacted] one dredger and one crane engaged in embanking in one part of the port.
12. There appeared to be sufficient laborers in the port which was working a 24-hour period..
[redacted] Circulation within the harbor is allowed from 0800 to 2400 hours.

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